

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Middle East
And Cyprus

ONE of the most perplexing features of current strategy in that countries with heavy responsibilities for the safeguarding of freedom must not only be able to defend different places, but must also be prepared for different kinds of war. Not even what President Eisenhower has called the spirit of Geneva can eliminate this paradox; for until thorough-going disarmament and east-west security arrangements make it impossible for would-be aggressors to disturb the peace, the nations charged with the defence of the free world must take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that they can fulfil their duty.

Most strategic considerations inherited from the past would be irrelevant if the only kind of war conceivable today were an all-out surprise hydrogen bomb attack on capital cities and major industrial centres. But an all or nothing war of that kind is far from being the only possibility in a world still not disarmed; and the existence of other means of aggression creates other dangers rooted in political, economic and strategic geography which the world of the 1960's has inherited.

Clarifies Blueprint
Exchange Plan

He gave this outline of President Eisenhower's proposal for an exchange with the Kremlin of military blueprints, and aerial inspection of military installations:

"The term, blueprint of military establishments, is defined as consisting of the identification, strength, command structure and disposition of personnel units and equipment of all major land, sea and air forces, including organised reserves; and a complete list of military plant facilities and installations with their location.

"Each nation has recognised the need of ground observers and these will be stationed at key locations within the other country for the purpose of allowing them to certify the accuracy of the foregoing information and to give warning of evidence of surprise attack or of mobilisation.

"Each country shall permit unrestricted, but monitored, aerial reconnaissance by visual, photographic and electronic means by the other country."

Mr Stassen said the concept of the Eisenhower plan was for the U.S. and Russia to exchange all data on military forces and installations subject to verification and surveillance as a precaution against attack.

"This exchange," he said, "is to be accomplished in progressive steps as mutually agreed upon by the two Governments."

Provision For Spot
Checking

Schedules will be drawn to assure simultaneous delivery of similar type of information by each side before progressing to the next phase of the Government programme, he said.

Provision for immediate spot checking would be included, Mr Stassen declared. Data deemed essential to preclude a surprise attack, he said, would include figures on: weapons and delivery systems suitable for a

By next February all British troops will be withdrawn from the Suez Canal zone, and they will also be withdrawn from Iraq. But the security and local defence of the Middle East countries makes it necessary for some British forces to remain in the area. They must be more centrally situated than in Libya. Cyprus is the obvious answer.

It is this role in the strategic defence of the Middle East which must temper and very considerably influence the current talks in London on the future of Cyprus.

Pilot Dies
In Crash

Calcutta, Aug. 30. An Indian Airlines freighter Dakota caught fire and crashed today while taking off at Silma, south-west of Kathmandu.

The pilot, Captain C. Bhownik, who with two other members of the crew, was seriously injured in the crash, died later at Patna Hospital where the injured had been flown by a roller plane, airways officials said.

This is the second Indian plane crash in a month in Nepal after a freighter Dakota had crashed at Balrampur killing the pilot three weeks ago. — Reuter.

FLATS ON THE PLAYING
FIELDS OF ETON?

Eton, Aug. 30. The Ministry of Housing today refused to confirm an application by the Eton Urban Council to purchase compulsorily part of the famous playing fields of Eton, England's leading public school, to build flats.

The college itself had not objected to the proposal but local residents opposed the move at a public inquiry last month.

They pointed out that the land in question is flooded when

GIANT NEW CARRIER IN
SEA TRIAL MISHAP

New York, Aug. 30. The biggest aircraft carrier in the world, the U.S.S. Forrestal, "burned out" a bearing in one of its propeller shafts today bringing its first sea trials to a sudden end.

The carrier, which is 59,650 tons, slowed to a halt in the Atlantic with the announcement that a bearing in the number three shaft had been "wiped out."

The accident means that full power tests scheduled for tomorrow will have to be cancelled.

The builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., and a Navy board studying the trials decided to take Forrestal back to her berth at Newport News, Virginia, on Thursday morning instead of Friday.

A Calculated Risk

Mr H. T. Bent, Vice-President and Works Manager of the company described the incident as unfortunate but not unusual. He said the company took a calculated risk by combining the builders' trials and the Navy acceptance trials which usually came later. This was because the advent of hurricane Diane caused a disruption of earlier plans.

"If we had had the builders' trials," Mr Bent said, "We would have found such difficulties and corrected them before going into the Navy trials," he added. — United Press.

SECURITY COUNCIL
MAY HEAR NTH.
AFRICA REPORT

New York, Aug. 30. The 17-nation Asian-African group meeting at United Nations headquarters today decided to bring the situation in French North Africa before the Security Council.

The group agreed to set up a committee of six to prepare the case for the Council "with due regard to the matter of timing."

Mr Edward Rizk, of Lebanon, who presided, said the formal request to the Council for a meeting would not be made until the committee of six had drawn up the necessary memorandum.

It was not possible to say at this time when the Council might be asked to meet. He said it might take a week or two before the case to be placed before the Council was complete.

MOROCCO AND
ALGERIA

Morocco and Algeria were both covered by the term "North Africa."

He added that one of the elements in the "fluidity" of the present situation in North Africa concerned the outcome of the talks which have been going on between the French Government and Moroccan representatives in Aix-Les-Bains.

"If negotiations truly are being carried out we would not in any way wish to jeopardise the chances of their success," he said.

NO NEGOTIATIONS
AT AIX-LES-BAINS

Mr Abdellali told reporters the talks which had taken place in Aix-Les-Bains were not "negotiations." He said the French Government had asked the Moroccan representatives there to give their points of view.

"There has been no negotiation at all," he added.

In Paris the Resident-General of Morocco, M. Gilbert Grandval, called at the Prime Minister's office tonight while M. Edgar Faure was in conference with the French Defence

Minister. — United Press.

A Bomb Under
Peron's Window

Buenos Aires, Aug. 30. A small explosive charge went off today just beneath the windows of President Juan Peron's office in the Casa Rosada, the government house in central Buenos Aires.

Police said the explosive, thrown from a speeding car by unidentified persons, went off harmlessly shortly before noon. — United Press.

Bus Tragedy

Paris, Aug. 30. One child was killed and nine injured when a station bus backed into a crowd of holiday children at the Gare de Lyon station in Paris tonight. Two girls in charge of the children were also injured. — France-Press.

Colombo Plan Talks

Singapore, Aug. 30. The seventh Colombo Plan meeting will be held in Singapore between October 17 and October 22, according to a Singapore Government statement released today. — Reuter.

EGYPT AGREES
TO CEASEFIRE
IN BORDER WAR

Cairo, Aug. 30. Egypt has accepted a proposal made by the Chief Truce Inspector in Palestine, General E. L. M. Burns for a ceasefire on the Egyptian-Israeli border.

This was stated in a United Press report received in the China Mail office late this morning but up to the time of going to press no further details had been received.

This news came following new reports of fighting along the Gaza strip.

In Washington, the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles sternly warned Russia today that any arms shipments to Arab nations would be a serious breach of the Geneva spirit of peaceful co-existence. — All agencies.

A Popular
(but impudent)
Private F/C

COUNTER-CLAIMS

Yokonaka, Aug. 30. He is a more unusual Private First Class. He refuses to wear shoes with his uniform, he loves to put his tongue out at officers. Still he is the most popular member of his unit — and he is being considered for promotion.

His name is Earthquake. He is an English bulldog. Earthquake is a member of the United States Marine Corps detachment at Yokonaka, a main U.S. naval base 35 miles from Tokyo.

"Last week Egypt broke off talks with Israel, representatives for improving border security and from that moment onwards Egypt launched a continuous series of attacks upon Israel patrols, villages and civilian culminating in the murder last night of one civilian 25 miles south of Tel Aviv and the murder of four other civilians 15 miles south of Tel Aviv."

A WARNING NOTE

The statement added: "The Government of Israel is prepared as ever to observe the provisions of the armistice but will take whatever measures it will take to safeguard the life and property of its citizens."

At the same time the Israeli delegate at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York submitted a second letter to the Security Council on recent incidents in the Gaza area.

Last night the Israeli delegation called the attention of the Council to the "grave deterioration" in the situation along the border and said the Israel Government would take "all measures of self-defence for the protection of life and property of its citizens."

Two Chinese
Jump Ship

Long Beach, Aug. 30. Immigration authorities today were looking for two Chinese crewmen who reportedly jumped ship yesterday from the Hong Kong freighter, Inchissta.

The missing men were identified as Shih Aro-teong 25, and Wong Tsong-wah, 27, engine room greasers aboard the Inchissta, which arrived here on Aug. 26 from Japan.

The Inchissta, owned by Williamson and Company of Hongkong and manned by British officers and a Chinese crew, is to sail for Japan tomorrow or on Thursday. — Reuter.

SUDAN
MUTINEERS
FLEE

Khartoum, Aug. 30. Most of the mutineers of the Sudan Defence Force fled from their headquarters at Torit before Government troops arrived to detain them following an unconditional surrender, reports from the South said today.

Some northerners who had taken refuge from the mutineers in a missionary centre after the rebellion two weeks ago were freed by the arriving forces, the reports added.

Only a few of the mutineers remained. They were arrested. A representative of the mutineers arrived at Juba, the regional capital, from Torit last Sunday to agree to an unconditional surrender. He went back to Torit with the surrender terms.

Loyal members of the Sudan Defence Force then travelled south to round up the mutineers, who are to be tried for taking up arms against the Government.

Traditional differences between the Moslem north and the largely primitive south were behind the mutiny which broke out when southern troops were ordered to move to the north Sudan. — Reuter.

"Pariette"

ALL OF FRENCH ORIGIN

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ROOM 211

Why Britain
Will Not
Back China's
U.N. Bid

London, Aug. 30. Britain will once more oppose discussion by the United Nations General Assembly of the question of the admission of Communist China, a well-informed source indicated today.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Arkady Sobolev, is expected to raise the question immediately after the Assembly opens in New York on September 21.

This demand is expected to meet opposition by the United States and the British delegation will in all likelihood support the Americans.

NO HOSTILITY

Britain would adopt such an attitude, it was indicated here, not out of hostility toward Communist China, with which it has maintained diplomatic relations since January, 1950, but on grounds of expediency. It was felt in London that the international climate is not yet favourable for such a decision, although the world situation has improved.

The issue still divides United Nations members and a debate, it was felt here, might have extremely unfavourable repercussions on the very future of the organisation. — France-Press.

"SUBVERSIVE"
GOANS
GET 12 YEARS

Goa, Aug. 30.

A Portuguese Military Tribunal has sentenced eight Goan Hindus, charged with subversive activities, to prison terms ranging from one to 12 years with fines and suspension of political rights. It was announced today. One man was acquitted.

The group were arrested on January 20 (Indian Republic Day.)

The Portuguese authorities are permitting the wife of Madhu Limaye, arrested when leading Indian demonstrators into Goa on July 20, to visit her husband in prison, it was stated here. The Indian Government had requested that the visit be permitted. — Reuter.

Leaving Austria
By October

London, Aug. 30.

The War Office announced today that, in accordance with the Austrian State Treaty, all British troops will be out of Austria by October 24. — United Press.

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AMERICA-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY



Shigemitsu Wants Greater Share Of Own Defence

REVISION REQUESTED

Washington, Aug. 30.

During the question period following his prepared speech at the National Press Club today, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu reiterated his desire to secure a revision of the Japanese-American Security Treaty to give his country a greater share in its own defence.

He said: "I should like very much to raise that question while I am here and I should like to explain our position very clearly and frankly to our friends in the American Government."

In reply to another question, Mr. Shigemitsu predicted that the efforts to merge the Japanese Liberal and Democratic Parties into a single Conservative Party will be successful.

"I am sure we shall be able to consolidate the conservative elements in Japan," he said. In answer to the question as to who should be Premier under a merger, he laughingly replied: "I may refuse to be Premier."

The Japanese Foreign Minister also predicted that the conservative elements in Japan eventually would succeed in getting the Constitution revised to eliminate the section prohibiting recruitment.

In response to a question on that subject, he said:

Although the Bill to amend the Constitution was turned down by the Socialists, we are going to try our best to get our Constitution revised. I feel sure that we will be quite successful in the attempt to revise the Constitution in this respect."

Most Anxious

Mr. Shigemitsu said his Government was most anxious to achieve "normal relations" with South Korea but was finding it difficult to resolve the differences between the two countries.

"We are prepared to make all sorts of concessions," he said. "As for the South Korean demand for property restitution, we are glad to do that. But still we have lots of difficulties. We must be very patient."

The Foreign Minister turned aside with indirect answers to two questions concerning the impact of Japanese products on American markets.

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Fine Wished Schmidts The Best

New York, Aug. 30.

Alford Fine, the young logger who was left out in the cold when Una Schmidt went back to her airman husband, was quoted today as saying he wished them "nothing but happiness."

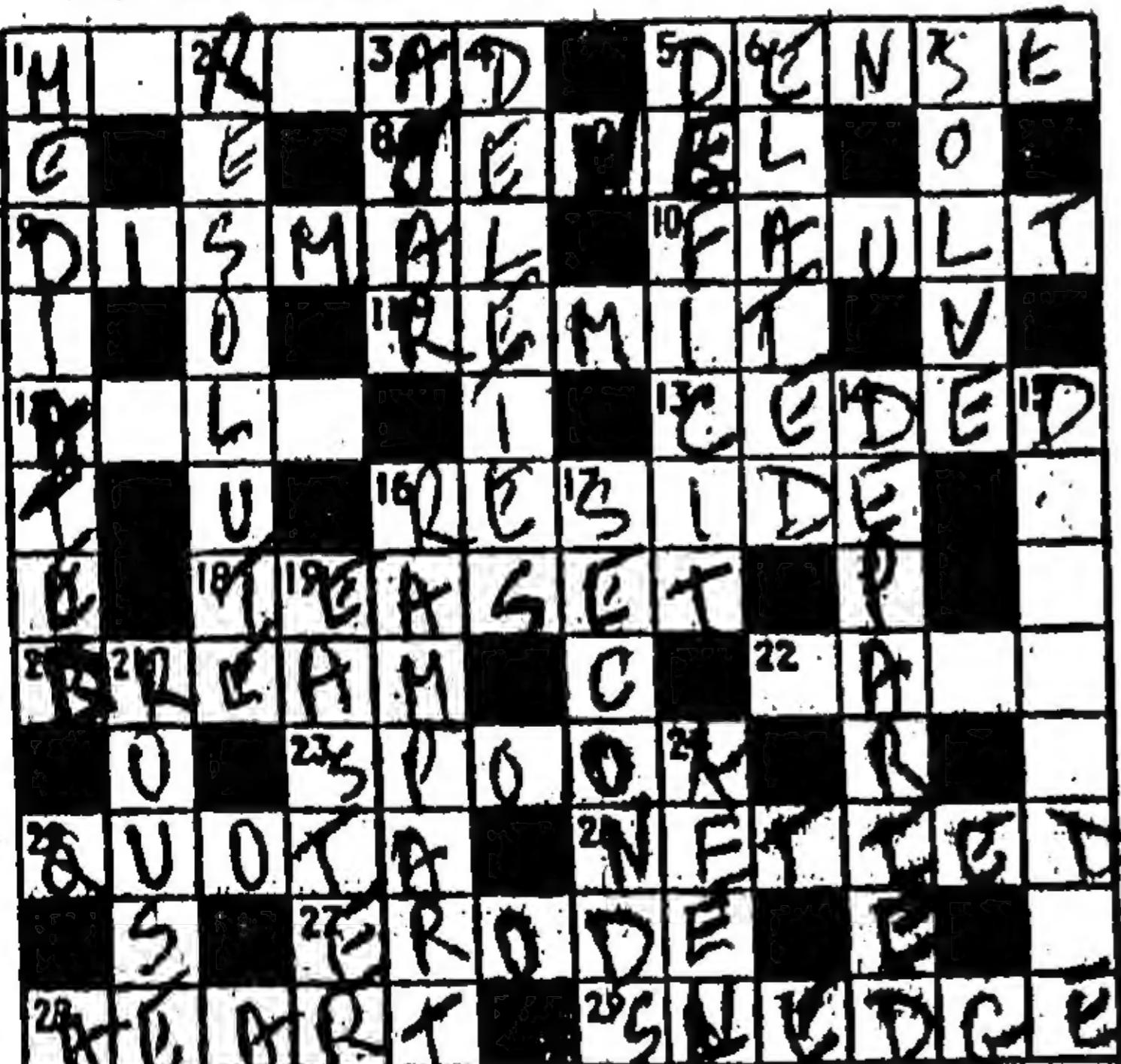
"And that goes for all three of them—for Una, for Danny, and for Danny junior," he said in an interview with the San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

The newspaper said that it had reached Fine in his auto trailer at an undisclosed spot some miles from San Francisco.

Vague

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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS:
 1 Large number (9).
 5 Stupid (9).
 6 Gem (9).
 9 Treary (9).
 11 Defect (9).
 12 Sence (9).
 13 Grated (9).
 14 Cowell (9).
 18 Crocker (9).
 20 Reticie (9).
 22 Kind of amour (4).
 23 Apporilous (6).
 25 Ratton (6).
 27 Snared (6).
 28 Eat away (6).
 29 Cord (6).
 30 Snow carriage (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Spread, 5 Picked, 8 Bear, 9 Rupees, 11 Oriate, 12 Extend, 14 Gut, 16 Canoe, 18 Green, 19 Pest, 20 Rushed, 24 Theme, 25 Tonics, 26 Sooth, 27 Salts, 28 Roces. Down: 1 Sulf, 2 Ripe, 3 Ace, 4 Dose, 5 Product, 6 Clariant, 7 Stemmed, 10 Exile, 12 Ignites, 14 Geltol, 15 Undress, 17 Aspen, 19 Pastor, 21 Bone, 22 Dine, 23 Asks.

Bielefeld, Aug. 30. Soviet theologians of the Russian Orthodox church are soon to visit West Germany to study and lecture here, a spokesman for the Evangelical church said today.

Several theology professors are to give guest lectures at West German universities while a group of theology students has accepted an invitation to study at a university here during the summer term 1956.

The invitations to the Russian theologians was handed over recently to Patriarch Alexei head of the Russian Orthodox church by a group of West German churchmen visiting the Soviet Union at his invitation, the spokesman said, and the patriarch had accepted.

Patriarch Alexei received the Germans at his summer residence at Odessa in the Ukraine. They are on a several week's visit to the Soviet Union. —Reuters.

Russian Theologians To Visit Germany

Bielefeld, Aug. 30.

The first question asked Mr. Shigemitsu was:

"If Japan had won the war, is it likely that the US Secretary of State would now be addressing the Tokyo Press Club?"

He replied: "I wish it were the case." —United Press.

Ban On Inhuman Punishment

Geneva, Aug. 30.

The first United Nations congress on prevention of crime and treatment of offenders today approved a "prisoners charter" prohibiting "all cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments."

It adopted a set of 95 standard minimum rules which would ban corporal punishment, chains, iron and strait jackets and punishment by placing in a dark cell for disciplinary offences.

Except in special circumstances prison staff should not be armed.

Among guiding principles the rules state: "The purpose and justification of a sentence of imprisonment... is ultimately to protect society against crime. This end can only be achieved if the period of imprisonment is used to ensure so far as possible that upon his return to society the offender is not only willing but able to lead a law abiding, and self-supporting life."

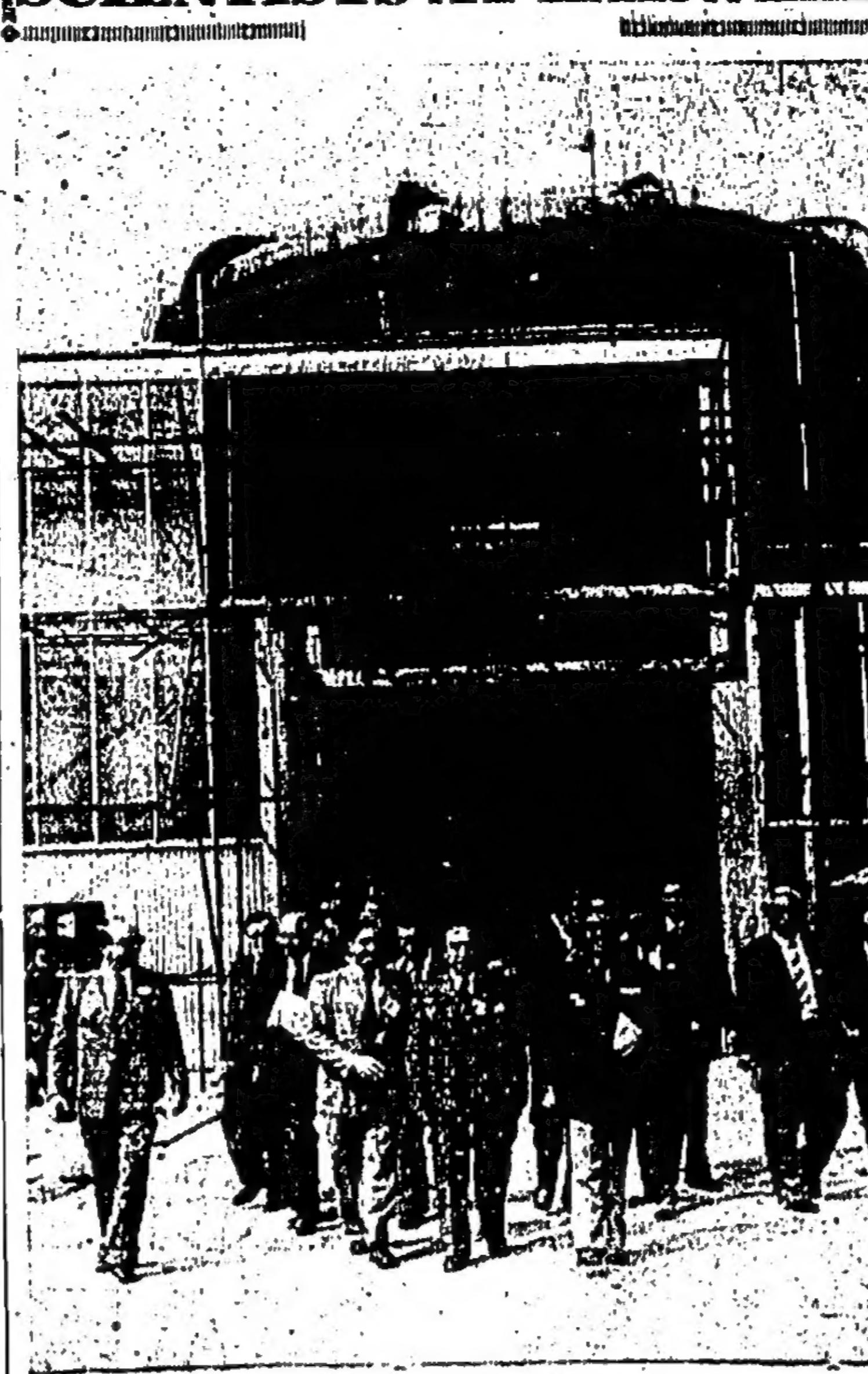
Assistance

To this end all remedial, educational, moral and spiritual forms of assistance should be applied.

Treatment of prisoners, the "charter" says, should "emphasise not their exclusion from the community but their continuing part in it." Every institution should have special workers to maintain and improve the prisoners' relations with his family and with social agencies.

There should be "governmental or private agencies capable of leading the released prisoner efficient after care directed towards the resocialisation of prisoners" leading him and towards his social rehabilitation. —Reuters.

SCIENTISTS AT HARWELL



Scientists from many nations, including Iron Curtain countries, visiting Harwell, the British Atomic Research Station. Picture shows: a party of the delegates leaving the new heavy water reactor E 442, first of the new Dido class reactors, which is seen in the background nearing completion. —Express Photo.

ISRAEL ACCUSES EGYPTIANS

Continuous Attacks

London, Aug. 30.

The Israeli Embassy in London tonight issued a communiqué accusing Egypt of launching "a continuous series of attacks" on the Gaza frontier strip between Egypt and Israel and described the situation as "most serious."

The Israeli communiqué claimed that since Egypt walked out of the frontier talks with Israel last week, Israeli patrols, villages and civilians had been continuously attacked.

It also alleged that one civilian was murdered last night at Yavneh, 25 miles south of Tel Aviv, well inside the frontier and that four other civilians were killed near Ness Zionah, 15 miles south of Tel Aviv.

The Embassy communiqué alleged that the Israelis were the victim of attacks by persons who had infiltrated into Israel from Egyptian territory.

Responsibility

The communiqué declared: "The Government of Israel is prepared at ever to observe the provisions of the armistice, but it will take whatever measure will be called for to safeguard the life and property of its citizens."

It added that responsibility for breaking off negotiations "must rest squarely upon Egypt."

The communiqué claimed that since the talks broke off Egypt had attacked 13 Israeli villages, and 18 Israeli patrols, and had violated Israeli air space seven times.

It said that eight Israelis had been killed and 20 injured in these incidents. —France-Press.

SUDANESE REFUGEES

Paris, Aug. 30. Sudanese officials and other refugees have crossed the frontier from the Sudan into the French central African territory of Oubangui Chari. French officials revealed today.

The refugees were natives of the North Sudan who had been living in the South. The South Sudanese have threatened the Northerners during the recent wave of mutinies and disturbances.

The Governor of Oubangui Char Province has been instructed to take any action required. —France-Press.

RITA SHOCKED BY SEPARATION

RITA Hayworth, the film actress, was described today as so emotionally shocked by her separation from Dick Haymes that she was confined to her room.

Mrs Hayworth, who announced yesterday that she was leaving Mr. Haymes, had been due to appear in a Federal court today for a hearing on her breach of contract suit against Columbia Pictures.

The hearing was adjourned until November 15 after her lawyer filed an affidavit signed by Dr Fred V. Cerini which said:

"The separation was such an emotional shock that I have ordered her to bed for several days. She was so upset I prescribed sedatives for her. Her health would be endangered if she were forced to attend the trial."

Miss Hayworth said yesterday she had walked out on Mr. Haymes "in the best interests of my children, Dick and myself."

Meanwhile Mr. Haymes wept at Miss Hayworth's sudden departure and declared that if the estranged film star did not return to him "I can't go on."

"If she divorces me I don't know what I will do," the crooner sobbed into a reporter's ear. "I probably won't take a bottle of sleeping pills but I will feel mighty miserable. A man is only in love once and I have been in love with Rita for 18 years. She is the most beautiful woman in the world."

Friends of Miss Hayworth said she resented Mr. Haymes' alleged "Swengal" methods of trying to dominate her film career. Though many believed Rita was definitely through with

the singer, her fourth husband, others felt their legal problems might bring them together.

Mr. Haymes, an Argentine, is placing his hopes for United States citizenship on his marriage to Miss Hayworth. Rita needs Haymes' testimony in her breach of contract suit against Columbia Pictures.

Rita is also believed to fear that her third husband, Prince Aly Khan, might use the breakup of her marriage to Mr. Haymes as an argument to gain full custody of his daughter, Yousin.

Rita's older daughter is by her second marriage to Orson Welles. —China Mail Special.

One-Man Invasion Of Kashmir

Karachi, Aug. 30.

Islam Salmani, a Pakistani law student, told reporters here today that he plans a one-man "Goat-style" protest invasion of the Indian occupied part of Kashmir on September 13.

He said that on his lone satyagraha (peaceful demonstration) he would take a white dove which he would release at the border. Tied to its leg would be a message insisting in the name of Pakistan on Kashmir's right to choose its own government.

Pakistan has long demanded a plebiscite in Kashmir, the territory disputed by the two dominions since the partition of the sub-continent.

Barbers' Union

About two years ago Islam Salmani made vociferous efforts to raise the status of barbers, including the organisation of an all-Pakistani barbers' association. He comes from a family of barbers.

"But it's not serious," she said.

Curiously about the attractive woman doctor arose after Prof. Aldo Protti of the Ancona Medical Institute where she worked announced she was suffering from the effects of nuclear radiation.

He said Dr. Marini was exposed while treating patients with radioactive isotopes in the Institute's cancer centre.

Dr. Marini said she felt perfectly well and intended to stay on with the holiday she is spending with her fiance, Enzo Boletti, who was repatriated from a Russian prisoner-of-war camp only last November. —Reuters.

London, Aug. 30.

British parachutists so often break their false teeth while jumping that the British Government has ordered a research into new dentures. It was disclosed at the British National Pharmaceutical Congress at Aberdeen today. —France-Press.

London, Aug. 30.

The meeting, these sources believed, would take up, besides the North Africa issue, the statement issued by US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles urging a settlement of the Arab-Israeli difficulties. —United Press.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN WEEK—September 11th—18th

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"THE CLOWN PRINCE OF FOOTBALL"

LEN SHACKLETON INSISTS HE NEVER WANTS TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND AGAIN

By ROY PESKETT

Len Shackleton, erstwhile England inside forward—he never wants to play for England again—has written the most bitter attack on Soccer I have ever read. It will be published as his biography* this week—and one way or another this great young athlete and business man does not come out of it very well.

"They called me the Clown Prince of Football. They called me irresponsible. They called me Big End, and lots of other uncomplimentary things," Shackleton said in an interview a little while ago.

Speaking of the occasion when he was chosen to play for the Football League against the Irish League in 1954, Shackleton, the business man says:

"I went to a good friend, George Childs, for advice. George, the other director in my company, looked at it partly from the business angle, and suggested: 'You must play for the League if you want to be picked for the Welsh and German matches. Your new hairdressing saloon is due to open around the same time as the game against Germany, and that publicly would give us business a wonderful stand-off.'

"It was right. Why not use the favour of the selectors to launch the barber's shop? I decided to play, and it still amuses me to imagine what the feelings of the Football Association would have been had they known that I represented England for the sake of publicity as much as for the honour of wearing the international shirt!"

SILLY BILLY

This is written by the same man who complai

"Undoubtedly the greatest honour Soccer can bestow upon a player is national recognition. Except for the favoured few, international caps are difficult to win—as I have discovered—and for that reason I think the honour should be accompanied by financial remuneration in keeping with such an occasion.

"When an Englishman plays for his country he is paid £50 in a match which sometimes draws a £50,000 gate. If Tommy Trinder attracted a £50,000 audience, would he feel well recompensed with a fee of £1,000? If Don Cockell and Rocky Marland fought before a crowd which had paid £50,000 to watch them, would they consider they were overpaid at £500 each?

"I have read a book written by Billy Wright, England's Soccer captain, which states: 'If there was nothing else but the inducement of an international cap, I would be just as eager to play for England.' I consider his sentiments ludicrous, because when a man is playing football for a living, he must be paid in sterling.

"None of us would gain much sustenance from a meal prepared from the following menu, for instance:

Souvenirs, Continental, or Moulded Minestrone;

Filletted Illuminated Address;

Stewed White Shirt, Braised

Badge, Steamed Velvet Cup;

Boiled Boot, and Gratinated

Gravy (garnished with Wembly Spring Grass);

Team Tour Tari and Cup

Custard;

Lancaster Gate Cheese (rather high);

Coffee (Brazilian) optional."

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Chapter Nine in the book is headed "The average director's knowledge of football."

The rest of the page is then left blank except for a publisher's note at the bottom which reads:

"This chapter has deliberately been left blank in accordance with the author's wishes."

Thus he dismisses the men without whom the game in this country would not be possible.

In another part of the book he attacks the England selectors thus:

"I have reserved until now the biggest nigger in the woodpile, the biggest fly in the ointment, the ever-present ball and chain restricting the efforts of the England team. I refer to the method of team selection.

"Clown Prince of Soccer," by Len Shackleton (Nicholas Raye), 10s. 6d.

Tuli Turns Down Offer To Fight In Tokyo

London, Aug. 30. Joko Tuli of South Africa, former Empire Flyweight Champion and World title contender, has refused an offer to fight in Tokyo.

Mr Jim Wicks, manager of Tuli, said today that Tuli was "far too busy."

He was meeting Peter Keenan for the Empire Bantamweight title in Glasgow on September 14 and had another contest arranged at Carmarthen Wales on September 20.—China Mail Special.



LEN SHACKLETON

Mr Arthur Oakley, a retired Wolverhampton businessman, and Mr Joe Mears, a London transport contractor.

ALL THESE GENTLEMEN have

one thing in common—the striking absence of any Soccer playing background or note—although I once played goal for an amateur team.

BOATS AND BUSES

"Obviously his attainment of such football eminence has been kept a good secret from his selection committee colleagues; there would surely have been no place for him as an England selector had it been known he had actually played football."

"I mean no disrespect when I suggest that by the very nature of his professional occupation, Mr Harry French should be a better selector of cabbages than of footballers!" Mr Harold Shentall should know more about gorgonzolas than goalkeepers, and Mr Joe Meers should be better equipped to pass judgment on boats and buses than on ball players.

"The type of committee I have in mind of ex-footballers would consist of no more than three successful League club managers, men like Arthur Rose, Jimmy Seed, Joe Smith, Glyn Britton, Ted Drake, Stan Cullis, or Tom Whittaker."

"The chosen three should be offered financial inducements for keeping with such responsibility post—the F.A. would have no difficulty in paying them £50 a week each—providing they ceased to act as managers and treated the England international XI as a full-time job."

BEVIN BOY

During the war "Shack" was employed by GEC assembling aircraft wireless sets, playing

160 Riders Vie For World Track Cycling Honours

Milan, Aug. 31. More than 160 amateur and professional cyclists will start the battle today for five World Track Cycling Championships at the Vigorelli Stadium here.

The meeting continues for four days and the programme is:

Wednesday: heats and quarter-finals amateur pursuit; heats and repechages amateur sprint; first heat motor paced (stayers) event.

Thursday: semi-finals, amateur pursuit; professional pursuit; second round and repechages amateur sprint; quarter-finals professional sprint; second heat motor paced event.

Friday: quarter-finals amateur sprint; semi-finals and final professional sprint; final amateur pursuit; quarter-finals professional pursuit; repechage motor paced event.

Saturday: quarter, semi-finals and final amateur sprint; semi-finals and final professional sprint; final amateur pursuit; final motor paced event.

Sunday: final amateur pursuit.

"Let us look at some of the men on whose shrewd or otherwise judgment will set the composition of England's international XI."

"There is Mr Arthur Drewry, who has connections with the fishing industry in Grimsby; Mr Harold Shentall, wholesale provision merchant from Chesterfield; Mr Harry French, wholesale greengrocer from Middlesbrough; Sir Amos Brook

football for Bradford at weekends. He refused to transfer to Coventry when GEC moved back there after the war.

He then received notification that he would have to do National Service. He says:

"I had no desire to join up.

Two or three years' Army Service after the war could easily have ruined all my hopes of a career in Soccer."

"I inquired if there was no alternative, and was told I could state a preference for coal-mining. My papers to report as a Bevin boy duly arrived. I set off for the 30-mile mile journey from Bradford to Frysden Colliery, near Castleford."

"I thought it was a severe enough shock having to leave home at six o'clock in the morning, but that was nothing compared to the experience of my first descent in the pit cage."

"One day at Frysden was sufficient to convince me I had made a real blunder by volunteering for mining, and I soon started investigating ways and means of 'dodging the column' without being reprimanded for absenteeism. To be perfectly frank, I did not overwork myself."

Chapter Six of the book is headed "I never want to play for England again."

Somehow I don't think Shack will alter this.

Nashua-Swaps In Winner-Take-All 10 Furlongs Race

Chicago, Aug. 31.

Two magnificent three-year-olds, Nashua and Swaps, meet today at the Washington Park racetrack on a \$100,000 winner-take-all match.

Since their two-year-old days Nashua and Swaps have been prominent performers. Nashua won six times and finished second in eight races as a two-year-old and his three-year-old record is eight wins and a second in nine races.

Swaps won two out of six races as a juvenile and is unbeaten in eight this year. Nashua's one reverse was when he finished behind Swaps in the Kentucky Derby and that result is directly responsible for today's match.

The race will be over 10 furlongs on grass, same distance as the Kentucky Derby which takes place on a dirt track. Neither has raced on grass but they have shown no dislike for turf during their training.

CHAMPION JOCKEY

Eddie Arcaro, winner of more than 3,500 races, will ride Nashua and Willie Shoemaker, America's reigning Champion jockey, will have the mount on Swaps.

They were on the colts in the Kentucky Derby duel which Swaps won by a length and a half.

So great is the interest in the race that an advertiser has paid a large sum to sponsor half an hour's television programme, featuring the event and it is expected that, apart from the course record of 57,000 spectators being beaten, more than 50,000 people will tune their sets for the television version.—China Mail Special.

LOCAL GOLFER DOING WELL IN ENGLAND

Showing even better form than that which won him the Hong Kong Junior Golf Championship, R. D. ("Bobbie") Bell, now in England, has been playing some of the better known U.K. courses with excellent results.

Stourbridge, an English golf course of tournament standard, was the scene of one of his recent triumphs. Collecting 2 birdies and 12 pars, with one out of bounds, he finished with a very impressive 75, only 3 over par.

For those interested in more detailed information on Bobbie Bell's round at Stourbridge, reproductions of the actual card will be displayed on the club handbills, copies of Reading and Shek O.

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Beattie, now 42, was a polished player with Preston and Scotland, a shrewd manager with Barrow and Stockport before his Huddersfield days.

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Chelsea know it's tough at the top. They found out the hard way. But after 50 years of glorious and inglorious soccer they captured the coveted title of football Champions of England.

This season they will learn it's even tougher staying at the top. But the League Champions will not surrender their title without a battle.

Dismiss that shock 2-0 home defeat by Bolton on the first day of the new season. Forget that Chelsea played more like a bunch of fumbling, stumbling novices than the team that lifted the Blue Riband of English soccer last season. Champion Chelsea are at the top—and they mean to stay there.

Manager Ted Drake relied on his League-winning side for the Bolton game. The players who stayed the pace so well last season had earned the right to launch Chelsea into their first Championship year. But Drake is building all the time.

If last season's stalwarts fail to show, there are number of willing and able to step into their senior colleague's Division I boots.

TEAM STRENGTH

Manager Drake has not been resting on his hard-won Championship laurels. During the close season he has followed a policy

of duplicating his first team positions, and there have been a number of notable additions to his reserve team strength.

Brian Nichols, former schoolboy and youth international right half from Third Division Queen's Park Rangers, and Bill Livingston, tall, black-haired Scottish centre half from Reading, another Third Division side, figure high among Drake's important summer signings.

Both showed up well in Chelsea's trial matches, and despite a 6-1 drubbing by the first team in the final trial, Drake is confident that his reserves are sufficiently talented in most positions to take the plunge into Division I football.

He is not, however, anticipating any of his youngsters getting an immediate place in the exclusion of the usual first team.

"I don't think last season's boys will let them get in," he says.

Chelsea lost that old Championship sparkle against Bolton, but they will come again. Lives-

wise Eric Parsons and thoughtful, shadow-man Johnny McNichol at inside-right form one of soccer's most dangerous wing pairs, and with roaming Roy Bentley spearheading the attack, Chelsea will soon be back on the goal standard.

Bishop Auckland amateur Seamus O'Connell and England star Frank Blundell, complete a forward line that managed to punch holes in most Division I defences last season.

AMATEUR STATUS

Blundell should soon regain the form that put him on England's left wing now he has completed his army service, and O'Connell, though retaining his amateur status, has decided to devote his considerable talent solely to the London club.

The match most eagerly awaited by Chelsea fans this season is the FA Charity Shield clash with FA Cup winners, Newcastle, at Stamford Bridge on September 14.

By that time Chelsea should have settled down to a high-table position, and given some indication of their chances this season.

"Everybody says it will be tougher, trying to keep on top," says manager Drake. "But it can hardly be tougher than it was getting away from the bottom."

And Chelsea know it's really tough down there.—China Mail Special.

Each Doping Case Should Be Treated On Its Merits

By JAMES PARK

There has been much talk on racecourses about the withdrawal of Major J. B. Powell's training licence. I have heard nothing but sympathy for the former trainer. So far as the stewards of the Jockey Club are concerned they had no option.

They are bound by their own red tape. Their rule, rigidly adhered to, says that if it is found that any horse has had any drug or stimulant administered for the purpose of affecting its speed, the licence of the trainer of the horse shall be withdrawn.

The stewards of the Jockey Club have never refrained from giving full effect to the rule. So far as I know the stewards of the National Hunt Committee have done so on only one occasion.

Major Powell was the person concerned. It was in 1952 that the jumper, Deux Temps, was tested and found to be "positive." Major Powell declared his innocence and retained his licence.

FINISHED LAST
It was over a two-year-old called Hijihi that Powell lost it. The gelding finished last in the Wolverhampton race which gave rise to suspicion. In two earlier races he had failed to finish in the first ten.

Surely there would be no sense in doping such a horse to lose. There is no evidence that the colt was backed to any extent for the Wolverhampton race. It is therefore difficult to arrive at any motive.

One can reasonably assume that, having been concerned on a previous occasion, Major Powell would take steps to see that it did not happen again. If he did not administer it was administered it was without his knowledge.

That has happened before.

The most recent case I know of occurred this year. A horse, inclined to fret when away from home, was not put in the racecourse stables but in a box at a farm a few miles away.

On the morning of the race the trainer found the horse had a temperature. Veterinary opinion was that the horse had been doped in the most amateurish way.

RESPONSIBLE

Naturally, it did not run. Had it done so and an examination been made, the trainer would have lost his licence, as he is held responsible.

That is where the harshness of the rules comes in. Taking the long-term view I am all in favour of it and, in applying it, the stewards of the Jockey Club are only doing their duty.

It seems to me it would be fairer and more satisfactory if some means could be discovered of dealing with each case on its merits.

The stewards' secretaries now get a written statement of betting activities in the ring. That should be helpful when doping cases crop up.

I am not writing on behalf of any individual. It is with the principle that I am concerned and I have no doubt that the stewards of the Jockey Club are thinking along similar lines.

AMERICANS TOO?

"Nothing but good could come of such a visit."

"I do not think I should be likely to go to Moscow myself because by next June Field-Marshal Lord Alexander will have taken over my office of President of the MCC."

"This was the first announcement of Lord Alexander's appointment. The nomination is made by the retiring president. Denis Compton was enthusiastic about the idea of cricket in Russia and of possible England Russos Tests."

He said: "It would be wonderful if visiting teams could give them the basic idea. Then they would have to learn to play, and I am sure they would be terribly good."

"It would be grand if the Americans took it up too. Then we would not have to worry so much about the Australians and the South Africans."

HOME RUGGER

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London, Aug. 30.

Rugby League results:

Dewsbury 12 Warrington 6

Doncaster 13 Bailey 4

Rochdale 13 Oldham 4

—Reuter.



The occupant of the spot of honour this week is at the moment in Singapore but by his recent display of honest sportsmanship he makes himself as worthy to top the Sports Parade as any in the long list of his predecessors.

In the opening rounds of the South East Asian Boxing Championships on Monday FAIR ELF Champion Jones, fighting in Hongkong colours, was beaten by Asian Games Champion C. Espinoza from Manila. Behind his actual appearance in the ring, however, there is a pleasant and reassuring story of genuine sportsmanship by the boxer, and of helpful co-operation by his Commanding Officer.

The story really starts when Henry Wong scored the narrowest of victories over Jones in the 1955 Colony Championships. So close was the contest that it is still argued among knowledgeable boxing folks who watched it, but let it be said there was never a word of complaint from Jones himself.

When the Singapore authorities suggested the current Championships, Jones was among the men selected to undergo preliminary training but eventually he was edged out of the final selection by a very-much-in-form Henry Wong. Again there was no complaint from Jones although he must have been as keen as any other in the team to make the trip.

VACANT BERTH
Almost at the last minute Henry Wong together with the other Chinese boxers withdrew from the team and an approach was made to Jones to take over the vacant Lightweight berth in the Colony line-up. Jones said that provided permission could be obtained for him to travel he would be glad to do whatever he could to help.

His Commanding Officer was most helpful and co-operative—a fact that is much appreciated by the officials of the Hongkong ABA—and Jones was once again an established member of the team. It looked as though everything was in order but a late breakdown in transport arrangements upset the plans and it looked as though Jones would after all miss his trip to Singapore.

Any qualified Hockey Umpire who has not yet received a current registration form is asked to get in touch with the SOPT at HQFLF as soon as possible. This particularly applies to those who may have arrived in the Colony recently and missed the earlier notice on the subject.

SOCCER TRIALS

Around this time every year folies in the Colony—both in and out of the Services—begin to ask questions about the possible strength of the Army football team. The Army has a special place in Hongkong football and there is always a general keenness to see them strongly represented.

Several trial matches have been held. Many good players have been seen and duly noted by the officials. Several other promising players who arrived in the Colony recently have still to be given a trial. With this very object in view another trial is being staged at Sookunpoo this afternoon when most of the possibilities for the coming season will be in action.

It is still too early to guess at the eventual line-up but enough has been seen in the trial games to suggest that one or two of the players who were in the side at the end of last season are going to retain their places. I have heard James Mason otherwise described in Holly-

FIRST APPEARANCE

Particular interest in the game this afternoon will be centred on the first appearance of three players from 1 Bn. King's Own Royal Regiment. The players, Egerton (Bolton Wanderers), White (Burnley) and McLaughlin (Bury) arrived on the last troophship and have had very little chance to get into top condition, but judging by comment in UK newspapers they should be of the greatest value to the team in the months ahead.

Army football fans will remember that on the eve of last season the same regiment provided Robson, Walmsley and Wallace, who all won Colony honours, and no doubt they will be hoping that the new trio will play the same attractive and progressive football.

One reassuring feature of the trials so far has been the obvious good form of Lewis, now completely recovered from the injury that kept him out of the Senior Shield Final at the back end of last season, Crompton, the team captain, and Morris whose grand play gained him a very high placing in the Footballer of the Year Poll. These three have shown that they are fighting fit and rating to go.

When the series of trial games is complete the players selected will be brought together for a two-week concentrated training spell at Sookunpoo. A group of first-class advisers will be on hand to assist the players in their efforts to get fully fit and moulded into a team. I am told that even those players who have previously attended this pre-season training are going to find things a bit different and certainly more strenuous than they were in the past.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

MOVIE MOGULS ARE A POWERFUL BREED OF MEN

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills.

Movie moguls are a powerful breed of men. They press buttons and a score of vassals jump. But over the whimsies of fate and the vagaries of fortune, they can do little, except try to cover themselves with a Lloyd's insurance policy. Example: Lana Turner was to have begun work with Richard Burton, Fred MacMurray, Michael Rennie and Co. in "The Rains of Ranchipur."

On her last day in Acapulco, on holiday, she slipped in the bathtub, fell on her back and head and suffered a brain concussion, her husband, Lex Barker, told me. "She's got to stay in bed at home for a fortnight," he said. "Rest and quiet. And I suppose they'll have to shoot around her."

I watched director Jean Negulesco plan a scene with Fred MacMurray and Joan Caulfield. The scene was in his bedroom in the Grand Hotel, Lahore. Fans whirled, ice tinkled in a long glass as the players, hot, on edge in their "too" sized up each other.

In the Cafe de Paris, over coffee, MacMurray talked about his farm near San Francisco. "I've sold all my Durhams and we now have 400 head of pedigree Angus. We breed," said the actor-farmer. "We don't try to compete in the meat market. But I've been thinking of getting some Highland cattle for meat. Jimmy Cagney told me about them. He has inspected a herd in Pennsylvania." MacMurray smiled. "Only two I've seen out here worked in 'Brigadoon'."

Individual awards will go to the riders turning in the best performances on 500 cc and 350 cc machines while the runners-up in both events will receive tankards. This event gives promise of being another interesting sporting occasion for it seems certain that many of the best riders in the Colony are planning to compete. If you can spare the time to go along and spectate I am sure you will be rewarded with some thrilling riding.

At the next table was novelist Nigel Balchin, writing the screen play of a new suspense thriller. (He scripted "The Man Who Never Was," which stars my neighbour, Clifton Webb.)

"I don't really like writing," he says, "but I dislike it slightly less than not writing." To me this is a cheerful attitude for a man being paid £120 a week. Mr. Balchin mentioned that he also has a special job with Rowntrees, the chocolate people.

"It's rather hard to define. I'm a consultant for them, on the management level, you know," he said. After thought: "I suppose the only really distinguished thing about me is that I sang in the Peterhouse chorals with James Mason. And very good he was too."

Very loyal indeed is he to the eccentric actor-writer-director-producer husband of Pamela Ostrer Mason. "He's rather shy and very sensitive," says Brigadier Balchin.

I have heard James Mason reciting Frenchman, likes publicity, and apparently Miss Kelly doesn't.

Hollywood's most travelled star, Ann Miller, will co-star with Doris Day and Howard Keel in the musical comedy "The Opposite Sex." "Mr. Auton is a friend and he's very nice," said Grace Kelly at MGM Studio for fittings for her role of the princess in "The Swan."

"But I don't want to discuss my private life—and I WON'T!" Which seems to be the final word from Miss Kelly. And Mr. Auton? "I hope to see him every day while I am here. I don't care to see any other girl at the moment."

Hardly gallant, but he's a reviving Frenchman, likes publicity, and apparently Miss Kelly doesn't.

Bob Hope's advice to starlets: "Don't try to outdo the man you are with. He's not interested in your brains."

Hollywood this week acclaimed two fine acting jobs by one of my favourite stars, Katherine Hepburn in "Summerlaine" and Jennifer Jones in "Love is a Many Splendoured Thing." The themes are surprisingly similar. Both to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

The men, Rosano Brazzi and William Holden, are both married. Footnote: Watch for the smart costumes worn by Miss Jones as Dr. Suvin. I have already seen them copied by the young set here, worn at parties in the Ball Room.

"So I feel whoever portrays me on the screen must be able to look 'sweet sixteen,'" she says.

Who would she like for the role of Elsie Janis, "Doris Day"? Walter Pidgeon was introduced to the stage by Elsie Janis. He was a hand some, young baritone, toured with her. "I was never glamorous," says Miss Janis. "But I was versatile. I danced, sang, did imitations, a soubrette, they called me. Today, the girls specialize."

Hard luck for Anne Bancroft. She fell while riding on location in South Dakota with Stewart Granger and Robert Taylor in "The Foothills."

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With their usual ingenuity they are also selecting 20 hazards and that means that they will set a real challenge to the skill of the competitors.

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MESSINA, Aug. 30.

Surveys have begun for siting a suspension bridge which will link the island of Sicily with the Italian mainland across the tempestuous Straits of Messina.

Four geologists have arrived here to sound the narrow waterway, testing the seabed into which two massive pillars will be driven to support the 1,524-metre (5,000-foot) central span of the planned double-decker bridge.

A blueprint of the bridge is prepared. Finance for the building is reported to be available. All that remains is to select the exact site and decide upon the technical method to be adopted for sinking the centre piles.

For centuries, inhabitants of Italy and Sicily have been plagued by the problem of the turbulent strip of sea dividing the Calabrian cliff cave of the legendary six-headed Scylla, a sailor-eating monster transformed by the enchanter Circe, and the dreaded whirlpool of Charybdis.

TOO COSTLY

Ulysses, while audaciously navigating between the twin perils, was troubled by it.

Legend has it that Saint Francis of Paola, in the 15th century, walked across the waves from shore to shore. But his miraculous feat gave no help in solving the problems of transport and communications between Italy and Sicily.

When Italy was unified in the last century, the problems became more pressing. An engineer, commissioned in 1880 to weigh possibilities, reported that a bridge would be too costly.

Five more projects emerged between 1870 and World War I, the first of them visualising a railway tunnel 160 metres (528 feet) under the seabed.

Finally, in postwar years, replacement of a slow, expensive ferryboat link by a bridge across the Straits became urgent. The development of the Sicilian oil industry and the expansion of rail and road communications on both sides of the channel caused a bottleneck which became worse year by year.

ACHIEVEMENTS

A plan for a massive steel suspension bridge to span the three-kilometre (two-mile) wide Straits was put forward by 60-year-old bridge engineer, Mr David Stelman, of New York, who planned and built the bridge spanning Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco, the George Washington and Steel Gate bridges of New York, Sydney Harbour suspension bridge, the Michigan bridge, and a host of others.

But the Messina Straits bridge, he says, will excel them all and adds that it will be the strongest, most stable and most beautiful steel suspension bridge the world has ever seen.

With clean, symmetrical curves it will be 3,300 metres (10,824 feet) long with five bays, the main centre span flanked by two intermediate spans of 723 metres (2,400 feet), and two outer spans of 150 metres (512 feet).

Two gigantic piles, each about 120 metres (394 feet) deep, will buttress the long middle span. It will be 29 metres (98 feet) wide. The lower level of the double-decker bridge will be 60 metres (213 feet) above sea level, giving the biggest liners ample clearance.

Mr Stelman has designed the higher level for road traffic, with two three-track channels, and the lower for trains. The double level gives greater crosswise rigidity.

In his survey, the American designer provided for protection against earthquakes, cracks in the underwater strata, and the heavy currents of the treacherous channel.

NOT CONTRACTOR

While emphasising that he is not the bridge's contractor, Mr Stelman has stated that a group of international bankers in New York is interested in the project which can be financed by interest-bearing bond issues in the normal way.

His estimate of the total cost is 160,000,000 dollars (2,23,906,000 sterling), and he says that after about 30 years the bridge can be handed over to the Italian Government.

Sicilian and Italian businessmen believe that the bridge will give an enormous fillip to the island's impoverished economy, eliminating costly delays in exporting fruit, wine, olives, cereals and other agricultural products.

The two-hour trip from Messina to Villa San Giovanni will be cut to 20 minutes, freight traffic will cross the waterway in half an hour instead of five hours, the railways will save one million lire (2,675,000 sterling), 1,000,000 dollars a year on the cost of the ferryboats.

Islam Movement Reception

Mail
Notices

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

By Air Indo-China, 6 p.m.

Formosa, U.S.A., 8 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle

East Asia, Great Britain & Eu-

rope, 6 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface Japan & Canada, 4 p.m.

Mexico, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

By Air

Greece, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.

Philippines, Australia, and New

Zealand, 2 p.m.

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,

Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

Mexico, 2 p.m.

Japan, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

By Air

Thailand, Burma, India, 8 p.m.

Formosa, Japan, Korea, 10 p.m.

Burma, India, 8 p.m.

Philippines, 2 p.m.

Formosa, 6 p.m.

Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle

East Asia, Great Britain and

Europe, 6 p.m.

Korea, 6 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

Canada, 8 p.m.

Kyodo news agency reported that Communist China was likely to take measures shortly for the release of Japanese war criminals.

Kyodo, Japan's national news agency, reported that Madame Li Teh-chun, President of the Communist Chinese Red Cross, yesterday told visiting Japanese Diet members that she believed there was "good news" ahead for the Japanese war criminals.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$740,000.	
Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:	
BANKS HK Bank ... 1720 1740	
INSURANCES Union 1010 1015 40 to 1015 Underwriters 1010 1015	
DOCKS, ETC. K. Wharf ... 7015 7015 70 Dock ... 28 20 200 to 28 Provident (O) 15.70 15.00 15.00 15.70 Wheelock ... 0.40 0.55 0.60 0.45 1800 to 0.45 1800 to 0.45 1800 to 0.45 1000 to 0.45	
LAND, ETC. HK Hotel ... 1912 19.00 2200 to 19.00 1000 to 19.00 HK Land ... 73 731 73 731 Humphreys (N) ... 101 101 101 Really ... 225 225	
RUBBER A. Rubber ... 210 215 Trust ... 310 5000 to 315 1600 to 3125	
UTILITIES Trans. ... 100 to 211 Star Ferry ... 140 140 140 C. Light (O) 22.70 22.00 2002 to 22.50 700 22.50 22.50 500 22.50 22.50 500 22.50 22.50 750 22.50 22.50 1000 22.50 22.50 1000 22.50 22.50 C. Light (N) 17.00 17.00 17.00 600 17.00 17.00 500 17.00 17.00 500 17.00 17.00	
Macau Elec ... 11.00 11.00 11.00 Telephone ... 33 331 33 331 33 331	
INDUSTRIALS Cement ... 314 34 200 to 314 Hope ... 1012 1012 1012	
STORES, ETC. Daily ... 22.00 1000 to 22.00 500 22.00 22.00 500 22.00 22.00 500 22.00 22.00 125 to 22.00	
Watson ... 14.00 15.00 COTTONS Corp. ... 5.45 Nanyang ... 8.40 8.55 MISCELLANEOUS Vibro ... 23.00	
Trading volume and open interest in the Exchange today were:	
Month ... Volume ... Open interest ...	
Sept. ... 1,100 ... 34,350	
Oct. ... 3,000 ... 33,650	
Dec. ... 2,000 ... 33,200	
May ... 3,200 ... 33,24	
July ... 3,700 ... 32.70	
Oct. ... 3,400 ... 32.40	
Dec. ... 300 ... 25,700	
Total ... 55,600 ... 2,150,100 bales	

US Imports & Exports

Washington, Aug. 30.
United States imports from Japan in June increased slightly from May, but imports from most of the other Asiatic countries were moderately lower, according to Commerce Department statistics released today.

Exports to Asiatic countries in June were in most cases smaller than in May.

General imports from all Asiatic countries in June were valued at \$161,500,000 compared to \$174,400,000 in May, and \$141,000,000 in June, 1954.

United States exports to all Asiatic countries were \$102,300,000 compared to \$177,400,000 in May and \$83,400,000 in June, 1954.

United States imports from Japan in June were \$34,400,000 against \$33,900,000 in the previous month and \$23,700,000 in June 1954. Exports to Japan in May were \$44,800,000 against \$51,800,000 in the previous month and \$50,000,000 in June 1954.

United States imports from other Asiatic countries in June compared to May included:

From
Philippines ... \$ 2,000,000 2,000,000
British Malaya ... 22,300,000 23,000,000
Indonesia ... 14,000,000 10,600,000
The Philippines ... 26,300,000 31,000,000
Singapore ... 20,000,000 22,000,000
Hongkong ... 1,100,000 1,400,000
India ... 20,000,000 25,100,000

United States exports to the same countries in June compared to May were:

To
Lia ... 11,500,000 11,000,000
Pakistan ... 5,400,000
British Malaya ... 2,700,000 2,400,000
Indonesia ... 5,700,000 4,000,000
The Philippines ... 26,300,000 22,000,000
South Korea ... 13,300,000 12,000,000
Hongkong ... 3,900,000 3,500,000

—United Press.

RUNAWAY INFLATION BEDEVILING PARTS OF WORLD

Twinges Of Alarm Felt In America

World Cotton Markets

New York, Aug. 30.
Cotton futures today receded narrowly in a quiet dealing as prices responded on small orders either way.

After a steady start, hedge selling and liquidation lowered nearby positions, but the decline met trade support around the 33.40 cent level for December. Far forward positions were relatively inactive.

Closing on a reaction the list finished net unchanged to 11 points lower. Opening prices were up 3 to off 1 point. New Orleans closed off 1 to 9 points.

Month-end textile mill buying and selling covering against export commitments to Formosa and Korea centred in the December delivery. Traders estimated around the resistance point.

New speculative interest marked time. Traders transferred attention to securities or other outside commodities while they waited for fresh incentives in the cotton picture.

With the market entering the harvesting period, traders waited to see whether hedge selling would expand, or whether farmers would impound under the loan programme.

The Government weekly crop summary was mixed. Heavy showers were detrimental for about two days in south Atlantic, middle and east Gulf coastal sections and in eastern parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

Otherwise, mostly not dry sunny weather over the main belt favoured crop development and checked insect activity.

Texas reported harvesting almost finished in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Arizona and New Mexico reported better progress. Cotton generally progressed satisfactorily in California.

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Total ... 55,600 ... 2,150,100 bales

—United Press.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot ... 33.50

Oct. ... 33.65

Dec. ... 33.20

May ... 33.24

July ... 32.70

Oct. ... 32.40

Dec. ... 32.22

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot ... 33.50

Oct. ... 33.65

Dec. ... 33.20

May ... 33.24

July ... 32.77

Oct. ... 32.40

Dec. ... 32.22

—United Press.

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American middling, in pence per lb, were as follows:

Oct./Nov. ... 31.41

Dec./Jan. ... 31.41

May/June ... 29.97

July/Aug. ... 29.51

—United Press.

SAO PAULO

Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo, were as follows:

Sept. ... 32.00

Oct. ... 32.45

Dec. ... 33.00

May ... 33.60

July ... 33.70

—United Press.

London Stock Market

London, Aug. 30.

British Government bonds fell on the London stock market down sharply.

Gilt were heavily sold on the belief the bank rate will be jacked up on Thursday. War Loan was hard hit, losing 20s. Old Consols, Dalton and others off 15s.

Stocks also felt the sting of the selling wave. Blue chip issue were off 1 to 2 shillings, most closing at the day's lows.

Oil shares lost 2 to 3 shillings with the exception of Royal Dutch which countered the trend with a rise of 1/2. Gold shares were quiet. Coppers moved irregularly.

Foreign bonds also ran into selling and German tumbled 2 1/2 cobs some Japanese lics as much as £2. —United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Aug. 31.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co. ... Opening

Ltd. ... \$1.57

British "Borneo" Petroleum Syndicate ... 43/-

Consolidated Tin Smelting Ord. ... 20/04

Fraser & Neave Ltd. ... 71/2

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Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. ... 7010

Iceberg Ltd. ... 7/00

Lunar Rubber Estates Ltd. ... 22/20

Malayan Breweries ... 43/30

New Bernand Rubber Co. ... 1/00

Penang Tin Ltd. ... 44/47

Raffles Hotel ... 32/35

Singapore Coal ... 41/00

Singapore Steel & Shipbuilding Co. ... 22/20

Singapore Tin Ltd. ... 12/00

Strait Trading ... 32/35

United Engineers Corp. ... 11/00

Wearne Bros. ... China Mail Special.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local up-to-date exchange market, the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) ... 5.80

Australian notes (per £1) ... 15.00

Canadian notes (per £1) ... 12.00

French francs (per £1) ... 10.00

German marks (per £1) ... 11.00

India rupee (per £1) ... 1.00

Indo-China piastres (per £1) ... 1.00

Malaya (per £1) ... 1.00

Singapore dollars (per £1) ... 1.00

United Kingdom (per £1) ... 1.0

Lennox-Boyd's Tour Praised By Times

London, Aug. 31. The Times today congratulated the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, on the results of his recent tour of Hongkong and other British territories in the Far East.

This independent newspaper said: "He has not solved all the problems, but his manner and his patient approach have ensured that the further discussions to be held in London next year are not an attempt to shelve or divert the feelings which have erupted in these British possessions.

"Yet surveying the agreeable outcome of Mr Lennox-Boyd's visit, one cannot but point to the long-term problems arising within the last decade. And more important to the countries adjoining Malaya, hanging indeed like a black cloth to Mr Lennox-Boyd's tour, is the policy and power of China. "In Hongkong the immediate issue is the trade embargo,

OVERSEAS CHINESE

"Mr Chou En-lai has justly said that the overseas Chinese are a problem his China has inherited. The solution thus far adopted by Peking in its treaty with Indonesia provides for the choice by overseas Chinese either of Indonesian nationality and political rights or retention of Chinese nationality and the forfeiting of such rights.

"This policy has assumed that the Chinese are a minority in otherwise developed nation states.

"But in Singapore they are a majority and in the Federation, with close on 40 per cent of the population, they can hardly be treated as a minority. Yet clearly they must choose there too between belonging as citizens or belonging abroad.

"The emergency in the Federation and much of the recent turbulence in Singapore reflect the latent conflict between those nurtured in the British democratic progress and those whose political thinking is wholly different and carries with it the ideologized overtones of new China.

"It will not be resolved until

Peking declares its policy towards the Chinese in Malaya. Only then can the foundations of self-government be secured."

Japan Makes Concession

Our Own Correspondent

London, Aug. 30. Mr A. E. Percival of the Board of Trade, and Mr A. K. Ogilvy-Webb of the Treasury, are expected to return to Tokyo next weekend to resume negotiations on the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement.

British Treasury officials are confident agreement can be reached very quickly. They have been encouraged from reports from Tokyo that the Japanese government will permit an increase in imports from the sterling area sufficient to close the present payments gap.

But the British team will have no counter-concessions to offer Japanese exporters.

"Concessions are for the Japanese to make," a Treasury spokesman told me tonight. "Our attitude all along has been that Anglo-Japanese trade must be roughly in balance. When Japan had a deficit with the sterling area we made concessions to correct the position. Now they have a surplus in their trade with us and it's up to them to make concessions."

When the present talks are over, Britain is expected to invite the Japanese government to hold negotiations on a long-term commercial treaty between the two countries.

Investigating Blackmail Ring

Manila, Aug. 31. The American and Philippine military authorities yesterday were investigating the reported existence of an American-Philippines blackmail ring victimizing Filipino employees at United States Clark Field Air Force base in Pampanga Province, Central Luzon.

The Philippines News Service reported this morning that two American officers and three Filipino operatives from the United States Army's Office of Special Investigation (OSI) as well as three contract men allegedly are behind the racket which had been operating since 1950.

The alleged racket was first brought to the attention of the Philippine Army authorities last February by eight dismissed Filipino employees at Clark Field. The ousted employees claimed in affidavits that they lost their jobs on the strength of OSI reports that they were "security risks."

All of the ousted employees claimed that they were asked to pay certain sums by OSI men who allegedly promised work for their reinstatement.

Informed sources said that the investigation thus far conducted indicated that many more employees have been victimized by the blackmail ring but were afraid to talk. —United Press.

Not Quite In Their Line

Bismarck, Dakota, Aug. 30. Flustered members of the Bismarck Lions Club cautiously agreed today that a request for them to study 1,000 pornographic pictures was a "bit out of line" with the Club's function but conceded "it sounds interesting."

Senator William Langer said in Washington today that the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Sub-committee had selected the 150-member club to make a 30-day study of the pictures to determine whether they are "obscene, lewd, lascivious and unfit" to be sold over the newsstands.

Club members, caught off guard at the announcement, declined to speculate whether the club would accept the offer. Most of those contacted, however, seemed to feel it was a done deal.

"It's difficult to say whether the club will do it," Mr Kirby said. "You'd have to anticipate the minds of 150 members." —United Press.

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"DAISY" FEELS THE HEAT



Even "Daisy" the London Zoo Hippo feels "under the weather" in Britain's sweltering heat-wave, and gasps: "Oh for a nice cool drink." —London Express.

Japan And Her Defence Forces

Shigemitsu's 3-Point Programme

Washington, Aug. 30.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, and United States defence leaders today discussed a series of proposals to give Japan greater responsibility for its own defence and speedy withdrawal of all United States garrison forces.

Diplomatic sources reported that Mr Shigemitsu had put before the chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Arthur Radford, and the Deputy Secretary of Defence, Mr Reuben Robertson, in defence department conferences:

1. A tentative blueprint for a six-year defence build-up of Japanese land, sea and air forces with United States help.

2. Proposals for a joint United States-Japanese defence committee to co-ordinate operations and planning.

3. A plea for revision of the security treaty between the two countries, under which the United States bases in Japan, so that Japan would have the status of an equal partner and not be so dependent on the United States.

In principle these proposals fit into the policy pattern of United States, which has long been pressing Japan to make more active steps to develop its own defences so that United States forces could come home. But there are obvious differences of opinion as to how this policy can be implemented. The differences constitute the heart of the current Washington talks.

POSSIBLE SNAG

In the first place officials here note that the defence blueprint involved a revision of the constitution by a two-thirds majority of the Japanese parliament, which they did not regard as any foregone conclusion, and also that it had not yet received Cabinet approval.

Furthermore, the extent of the forces expansion appeared to fall short of Washington expectations.

The blueprint reportedly calls for raising the present 103,000 total of all Japanese "self-defence" forces to about 200,000 men by 1958, at which time the United States land forces could be withdrawn with all units to follow later.

The withdrawal would save Japan the \$150,000,000 paid yearly towards the costs of maintaining United States garrisons.

But informed sources questioned whether there could be an agreement on this formula. The Defence Department's military planners here have been urging a Japanese army, navy and air force of around 350,000

Sleeping Sickness

Tokyo, Aug. 30.

Tokyo health authorities said today 34 cases of sleeping sickness in Tokyo were reported this morning, bringing the total to 846, of which 117 have died. —Reuter.

ALLEGED RAPE

COMPLAINANT'S EVIDENCE

The public gallery in Mr Justice Scholes' Court at the Criminal Sessions was this morning filled to capacity as complainant in the rape trial resumed her evidence against the four young accused.

A special detachment of Police constables was on duty at the entrances of the Court room to regulate the number of people going in.

Careless Driving Instructor

A case of careless instruction to a learner driver led to a strong recommendation by Mr W. N. Thomas Tam at Central this morning, for stricter qualifications for all car instructors in the future.

A car instructor, Teng Cheuk Tai, of 840 Canton Road and his pupil Leung Fai, of 114 Electric Road, were both charged and found guilty of careless driving.

The first defendant was fined \$20 while the second was cautioned.

Chief Inspector Goodman of the Traffic Office told the court that on July 4, his car was struck by a learner's car while proceeding along Queen's Road. He said the learner's car was intending to make a right-hand turn but did not make clear signs of his intention. Also, defendant's car was in the wrong lane of traffic and was in no position to make a turn. The result was that while he was overtaking them on the right, his car was struck, the mudguard sustaining slight damage.

His Worship further said all

intending learners should go to a proper driving school, and not to any of the so-called instructors.

The accused are alleged to have lured the complainant from the Shing Ping Ballroom where she worked, with a false story about Wang Yuk-sang, a friend of hers, and to have taken her to the Sun Kwong Hotel, Happy Valley, where the alleged offence took place.

Complainant gave evidence on Monday that after the accused had lured her friend, they made him and herself walk along with them. "Grabbed by Neck"

This morning she said that first accused went into a lavatory. When he came out, he saw her speaking to Wang Yuk-sang. First accused told her: "Don't chat. We will chat when we get up there."

She replied: "I am not going with you. I am going home."

First accused, complainant went on, grabbed her by the neck and pulled her along. With his other hand he pushed Wang Yuk-sang away. When they arrived at the entrance of the Sun Kwong Hotel, she refused to go in. First accused again grabbed her by the neck and pulled her in.

He brought her to a room and told Wang Yuk-sang: "Younger brother, either you or she will die." Complainant said she told Wang that he had better go. He went.

She was pulled into the room, where fourth accused made certain remarks to first accused, the meaning of which she did not then understand. Complainant then described what took place in the room.

Hearing is proceeding.

27 IDENTIFIED

Twenty-seven bodies reported missing after Sunday's picnic tragedy at Taipo Kau have been recovered and "identified," according to Hongkong Police at noon today. The search is still going on.

—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm known as a fussy eater—what's your racket for getting what you want?"

SHEAFFER'S

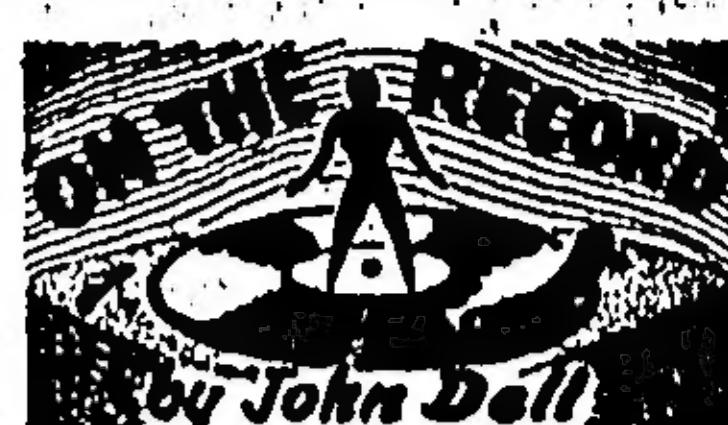
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CP Goes To Singapore

The Commissioner of Police, Mr A. C. Maxwell left Hongkong by air yesterday for Singapore. He is expected to be away from the Colony for about three weeks.

While in Malaya, Mr Maxwell will have routine consultations with colleagues of the Singapore and Federation Police Forces and will take a short holiday.

During Mr Maxwell's absence, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr K. A. Blamead, will command the Force.



by John Dell

A day or two ago I heard excerpts from a series of LP records released in the States and containing a collection of mistakes made during broadcasts from British and American radio stations.

I don't know whether these discs will ever be made available in Hongkong but if they are they should never be played in the presence of youngsters.

Some of the slips made are simple spoonerisms such as the one made by an American announcer who said, "In just a few moments the plane carrying their Majesties the King and Queen of England will touch down here at the airport. When it does you will hear a twenty-one gun salute."

There are many others which are certainly not drawing-room entertainment and any one who gets hold of a set is advised to listen and laugh in solitude before exposing his family to the playback.

The thing that amused me most was the recording of a news broadcaster breaking down completely during a news cast. He had a silly item at the end about a man having written to a group of scientists ascertaining that the colour and shape of the Northern Lights, a formation of stars seen in the northern hemisphere, could be changed by waving a bedsheet at them. This tickled his sense of humour so much that when he got to the following item, a report from the New York stock exchange, he just couldn't hold back the mirth and he struggled manfully through Dow Jones Averages shaken by uncontrollable laughter and ended his news-cast in a state of mild hysteria.

The broadcasters who have made such errors include one of the most experienced and on one of the records the Great Drew Pearson gets the giggles at one stage. Local announcers requesting that Schneiring be arrested immediately in Hongkong. It added that a warrant had been issued in Singapore for an alleged criminal breach of trust by the prisoner.

HOTEL ARREST

Schneiring was arrested while at the Peninsula Hotel at 7:45 p.m. on Monday. Insp. Jenkins stated a warrant of apprehension was applied for under the Fugitive Offenders' Act, and was executed on the prisoner at 9:45 this morning.

"The necessary arrangements have been made," he added, "and a Singapore Police Inspector is arriving in the Colony tomorrow."

Insp. Jenkins then asked for a remand of three days in Police custody without bail.

When the Magistrate told the prisoner that he could ask for an interpreter, if Schneiring could not understand English well enough, the prisoner said quietly and in fluent English: "I really don't think that's necessary."

He was then led off to the cells.

—United Press.

Laughs On The Way

I am very pleased to learn that there are two LP records on the way with the accent on humour. One is by the incomparable Dame, Victor Borge, and the other by Anna Russell, the English girl who sings as well as any opera star but who prefers to make a living in the music business. Those of you who saw the film "Hansel and Gretel" will remember the famous scene of Hansel singing "I am a very good boy" and the scene in which he might be able to put on a concert in Hongkong with a group of about twenty local musicians. I would be very like to have a chat with M. Matisson.

Anna Russell

Anna Russell, the English girl who is probably best known in Hongkong for her "Phonetic Punctuation" record, which failed to create much interest. The disc on which she sings is called "Comedy in Music" and the Anna Russell one is called "Anna Russell Sing."

I Wonder Why

Many times I have heard amateur singers and musicians asking where they can buy records of their songs. The radio stations and Rediffusion obviously cannot spare their studios and equipment to any great extent, although there are one or two private studios, but there is not the sort of well-advertised and conveniently located sort of place that you can find in most British towns. I am sure that there would be quite a lot of interest in such a studio, not only on the part of musicians and singers but the people who would like to send some records to a studio to have them recorded.

It would be quite a good idea to record this column than write it.

We will have to hold over the records until we get them but I promise a new batch of discs then.

—United Press.

MOTOR SPORTS CLUB MEETING

The Motor Sports Club of Hongkong will hold a social tomorrow evening at the British American Tobacco Company's headquarters in Gloucester Road, commencing at 7:45 p.m.

All members are urged to attend as a social occasion of opinion will be sought regarding the Club's future activities.

An exclusive film, not shown previously, of last year's Motor Grand Prix will be a highlight of the evening.